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2 April 1985**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD****SUBJECT:** Pre-Trip Briefing on Arab-Israeli Issues for
House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations

1. On 2 April 1985, the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the House Committee on Appropriations was given an overview of Israel, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt and briefed on Arab-Israeli issues by [redacted] Director, Office of Near East/South Asia Analysis, and [redacted], one of his analysts. The members present were:

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Representative David R. Obey (D., WI) - Chairman
Representative Matthew F. McHugh (D., NY)
Representative Charles Wilson (D., TX)
Representative Julian C. Dixon (D., CA)
Representative Mickey Edwards (R., OK)
Representative John E. Porter (R., IL)
Representative Robert J. Mrazek (D., NY)

Professional Staff Member Terry Peel was also present. [redacted]

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2. The purpose of the briefing, which lasted 90 minutes instead of the allotted one hour, was to prepare the Members for their trip to Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Israel during the period 7 - 16 April 1985 (see attachment). We were to provide a political-economic overview of the region and key issues [redacted]

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[redacted] DIA was scheduled to follow us with a military update. As the briefing unfolded, however, we were asked by several of the Members to discuss the Arab-Israeli military balance despite a large DIA contingent waiting in the wings. Representative Dixon commented later in the day to me at another meeting that he did not stay for the DIA portion because he usually found their briefings less than useful. Mr. Obey alluded to this sentiment when he sent his compliments, via Mr. Peel the next day, for an outstanding and informative session. [redacted]

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3. The Members clearly were pleased with the amount of information we were able to give them and I would not be surprised if we are asked for another briefing when they return. 

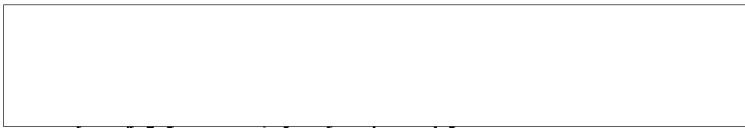
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House Foreign Operations Subcommittee
Middle East Trip
April 7-16, 1985

Washington/GreeceSunday, April 7

7:00 P.M. --- Depart Andrews Air Force Base
(10 hours flight, + 8 hour
time change)

GreeceMonday, April 8

1:00 P.M. --- Arrive Athens
1:30 P.M. --- Check into hotel
2:00 P.M. --- Rest or tour remainder of
afternoon
4:30 P.M. --- Return to Hotel
5:30 P.M. --- Country Team Briefing at
Ambassador Stearns Residence
followed by informal reception
8:00 P.M. --- Dinner at local Greek
Restaurant

Overnight --- Ledra Marriott Hotel

Greece/EgyptTuesday, April 9

9:00 A.M. --- Tour Acropolis
12:30 P.M. --- Depart Athens
(2 hour flight, + 1 hour time
change)
3:30 P.M. --- Arrive Cairo
4:30 P.M. --- Country Team Briefing
with Ambassador Nicholas
Veliotes
5:30 P.M. --- Depart for Hotel, change
clothes
7:15 P.M. --- Informal Meeting with
Press (at Hotel)
8:00 P.M. --- Dinner with Defense Minister
Abu Ghazala and prominent
Egyptians (at hotel)
10:00 P.M. --- Complete dinner

EgyptWednesday, April 10

8:00 A.M. --- Depart Hotel
9:00 A.M. --- Meet with President Mubarak
(wives leave after initial
meeting to visit projects with
Mrs. Mubarak)

11:00 A.M. --- Meet with Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali
 12:00 Noon --- Box lunch
 12:00-2:30 --- Visit AID projects in Cairo
 2:30-4:30 --- Visit Pyramids
 4:30 P.M. --- Return to Hotel
 6:00 P.M. --- Reception at Ambassador's Residence
 8:00 P.M. --- Dinner with Prominent Egyptians-Business Community
 9:45 P.M. --- Return to Hotel

Egypt/Jordan

Thursday, April 11 9:00 A.M. --- Depart Cairo (1 hour flight + 1 hour time change)
 11:10 A.M. --- Arrive Amman, Jordan
 11:20 A.M. --- Briefing by Ambassador Paul H. Boeker
 12:00 Noon --- Lunch at Residence
 1:15 P.M. --- Meeting with Foreign Minister Masri
 2:30 P.M. --- Meeting with CINC Bin Shaker
 4:00 P.M. --- Meeting with King Hussein
 6:00 P.M. --- Return to Hotel
 7:00 P.M. --- Informal Meeting with Press
 8:00 P.M. --- Informal Dinner with Prominent Jordanians (hosted by either Foreign or Defense Minister)
 9:45 P.M. --- Return to Hotel
 Overnight --- Jordan Marriott Hotel

Jordan/Syria

Friday, April 12 9:00 A.M. --- Meeting with Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh
 10:00 A.M. --- Visit Refugee Camp
 12:00 Noon --- Depart Amman
 12:55 P.M. --- Arrive Damascus, Syria
 Country Team Meeting with Ambassador William Eagleton upon arrival
 2:30 P.M. --- Check into hotel
 7:00-9:00 P.M. --- Reception and Informal Dinner including Prominent Syrians and Press hosted by Ambassador
 Overnight --- Damascus Sheraton Hotel

Saturday, April 13 8:00-3.00 P.M.- Meetings with President and Government Officials to be scheduled
SOQ Time
3:00 P.M. --- Depart Damascus (1 hour 20 minute flight, -1 hour time change)
3:20 P.M. --- Arrive Tel Aviv, Israel
3:30 P.M. --- Meet with Ambassador Samuel Lewis
4:30-6:00 P.M.- Check into Hotel
6:00 P.M. --- Briefing by Consulate General
7:00 P.M. --- Cocktail Buffet hosted by Consul General Cluverius with West Bank Palestinians
9:00 P.M. --- Return to Hotel
Overnight--- King David Hotel
Jerusalem

Israel

Sunday, April 14

Morning --- Free Time
1:00 P.M. --- Informal Coffee with Press
2:00 P.M. --- Meeting with Ezer Weizman ✓
3:00 P.M. --- Meet with Histadrut Secretary General MK Israel Kessar and Amos Eiran
4:00 P.M. --- Meet with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir
5:00 P.M. --- Meet with Finance Minister Modai
6:00 P.M. --- Meet with Editor of Jerusalem Post (This may instead take place on Monday)
6:45 P.M. --- Freshen up at Hotel
7:30 P.M. --- Dinner
9:30 P.M. --- Prime Minister Peres at Residence

Israel/England

Monday, April 15

8:30 A.M. --- Depart Hotel for Tel Aviv
9:30 A.M. --- Meet with Defense Minister Rabin and Chief of Staff General Moshe Levy
11:00 A.M. --- Depart Defense Ministry
11:45 A.M. --- Depart Israel (5 hour flight, - 1 hour time change)
3:45 P.M. --- Arrive London
Overnight --- Grosvenor House

Tuesday, April 16

Morning --- Free Time

3:30 P.M. --- Depart London (7 hour flight,
- 6 hour time change)

4:30 P.M. --- Arrive Andrews Air Force Base,
U.S.A.

Hotel Information

April 8- Athens, Greece

Ledra Athens Marriott
Telephone-952-2511

April 9-10 Cairo, Egypt

Cairo Marriott
Telephone-40-8888

April 11 Amman, Jordan

Amman Marriott
Telephone-66-0100

April 12 Damascus, Syria

Sheraton Hotel
Telephone-716-64-229-3000

April 13-14 Jerusalem, Israel

King David Hotel
Telephone-22-1111

April 15 London, England

Grosvenor House
Telephone-01-499-6363